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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

See attached file in support of the settlement.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to take a moment to give my support for the settlement negotiated between Microsoft and the Justice Department last year. I feel this is a good agreement for both sides and gives everyone the opportunity to move forward.

The settlement is comprehensive and mandates significant concessions from Microsoft in order to remain in compliance. Microsoft has agreed to grant computer broad new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows. And Microsoft must not retaliate against any computer maker who ships software that competes with anything in the Windows operating system. Microsoft must also subject themselves to monitoring by a Technical Committee to assure compliance with the settlement.

At a time of difficult circumstances for our economy, this agreement could provide a small boost. The settlement will also give each side the chance to focus on other issues. For Microsoft, that means developing new software and for the government it means fighting the current recession.

Sincerely,

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